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BUREAU OF NAVIGATION NEWS BULLETIN NO. 59.

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HEALTH RECORDS.

The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery requests that attention of all officers and particularly medical officers, be called to paragraph #2345 of the Manual of Medical Department, 1922, which states that health records of officers should be forwarded promptly, through official channels, to their proper destinations, and not transmitted by the officers concerned. The same condition applies to health records of enlisted men.

This regulation is not being complied with in many instances resulting in the loss or delay in delivery of officers' health records upon transfer.

NAVY DIRECTORY.

The Bureau is almost daily in receipt of requests that some particular office be placed on the mailing list of the Navy Directory, or that the quota already sent be increased. It should be borne in mind that this is a very expensive publication, only a very limited number are printed and that, due to the limitations of the Budget, this number will not be increased, consequently, the Bureau is not in a position to comply with the many requests received.

BUREAU OF NAVIGATION MANUAL: REVISION OF.

The bureau of Navigation Manual is being revised and will be issued without a chapter on the Naval Reserve Force. However, a temporary chapter has been approved by the Secretary of the Navy and when mimeographed will be issued to all officers connected with the administration of the Naval Reserve Force for their information and guidance. Upon the passage or non-passage of the Naval Reserve Force Bill now before Congress, a chapter covering the subject matter will be issued for inclusion in the Bureau of Navigation Manual.

DISCHARGES AND CONTINUOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATES: ERRORS NOTED ON:

Information received in the Bureau indicates that many errors and omissions are noted on the discharges and continuous service certificates presented by men applying for reenlistment. These errors and omis-

sions frequently result in unnecessary correspondence and are a possible source of discontent.

The following are the common errors and omissions noted:

- (a) Discharged men not furnished a statement of net service. Necessitates verification by Bureau of previous service and delays payment of Honorable Discharge Gratuity.
- (b) Imprint of right index finger omitted on discharge certificate or C.S.C. Necessitates forwarding identification card to Bureau for verification before Honorable Discharge Gratuity may be paid.
- (c) Date of discharge not entered on C.S.C.
- (d) Service number not entered on discharge certificate on C.S.C.
- (e) Discharge certificate not signed by man to whom issued.
- (f) Issue of permanent appointment not noted on C.S.C.

CHECKAGE OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR AOL. AND AWOL.

Under the rules of the accounting officers, absence for less than 24 consecutive hours does not require checkage of pay.

Where the time of absence is for more than 24 consecutive hours, however, the day the absence begins should be considered a day of absence and pay and allowances checked for that whole day, and the day of return from absence is considered a day of duty and therefor a day for pay and allowances.

Where a man is absent on authorized leave which expires at midnight of, say 21 November, and he does not return until 8 a.m. 25 November, it is the rule that the day of absence does not begin until 22 November, and checkage would be necessary from 22 November to 24 November, inclusive.

Also, where a man is reported as absent without leave at midnight, say 21 November, and does not return until 8 a.m. 25 November, it will be regarded that he performed duty for the entire day of 21 November, and checkage would begin on 22 November and continue to 24 November, inclusive.

UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGES:

The following is an analysis of undesirable discharges effected during the quarter ending 31 December 1924:

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REASON

NUMBER DISCHARGED

	From Ships	From Training Stations	From other shore stations.	Total
BY ORDER OF BUREAU OF NAVIGATION:				
(a) Fraudulent Underage enlistment	65	31	54	150
(b) Fraudulent Enlistment	3	11	4	18
(c) Desertion without trial	1	-	11	12
(d) Other causes	14	15	46	75
BY ORDER OF COMMANDING OFFICER:				
(a) Unfitness (Art. 8310 BuNav Manual)	<u>60</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>147</u>
TOTALS	143	85	174	402

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FLEET NAVAL RESERVE.

The Act of July 1, 1922 provides "That enlisted men who have served for more than twelve but less than sixteen years shall be permitted to reenlist and continue serving unless sooner discharged by sentence of a court martial, until they have completed sixteen years service whereupon they shall, upon their own application, be permitted to transfer to the Fleet Naval Reserve".

The above quoted provision applies only to those men who had served for more than twelve years on July 1, 1922.

The Bureau has been in receipt of recommendations of boards of medical survey of men not coming within the above classification and also of requests from such men themselves that special consideration be given them in the nature of duty or assignment due to the fact that they would become eligible for transfer to the Fleet Naval Reserve in a few years.

The Bureau looks with disfavor on such requests and recommendations. While on the active list of the Navy, every man is considered capable of performing all the duties of his rating.

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NUMBER OF DESERTIONS BY LENGTH OF SERVICE.

	<u>Quarter Ending</u> <u>30 Sept., 1923</u>		<u>Quarter Ending</u> <u>30 Sept., 1924</u>		<u>Quarter Ending</u> <u>31 Dec. 1924</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>%</u>
0 - 6 mo.	972	37.8	272	16.1	250	20.5
6 mo. - 1 yr.	503	19.5	550	32.6	259	21.2
1 yr. - 18 mo.	389	15.1	259	15.4	220	18.0
18 mo. - 2 yr.	57	2.2	233	13.8	136	11.1
2 yr. - 3 yr.	267	10.4+	90	5.3	111	9.1
3 yr. - 4 yr.	168	5.4+	112	6.6	71	5.8
4 yr. - 8 yr.	222	8.6	154	9.1	146	11.9
more than 8 yr.	26	1.0	19	1.1	29	2.4
	<u>2574</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1689</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1222</u>	<u>100.0</u>

It has been generally assumed that desertions follow number of first enlistments. Improvements is indicated, however, by the following analysis:

	<u>Quarter Ending</u>		<u>Change</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>30 Sept. 1924</u>	<u>31 Dec. 1924</u>		
Total desertions	1,689	1,222	-467	-27%
Total enlistment contracts in force	90,372	89,760	-612	-1%
Total first enlistments	3,045	3,321	+266	+9%
Total desertions, less than 1 yr. service	822	509	-313	-38%
Total enlistment contracts in force of men with less than 1 yr. service	27,639	22,588	-5051	-18%

That is, although first enlistments increased 9%, total desertions decreased 27% and desertions within first year of service decreased 38%.

Taking another basis: that is, the enlistment contracts in force in the two classes: Although the total number of enlistment contracts decreased less than 1%, the total desertions increased 27% and although the number of enlistment contracts of men with less than one year's service decreased 18%, the number of desertions of that class of men decreased 38%.

The above analysis would indicate improvement in the desertion situation during the last quarter. The comparison given with the quarter ending 30 September 1923 is so obvious as not to require analysis.

CORRECTION TO BUREAU OF NAVIGATION NEWS BULLETIN NO. 59

On page 4, next to last paragraph, third line, change the words "increased 27%" to "decreased 27%".

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The Bureau considers the following as important contributory causes for this indicated improvement:-

- (1) More thought being given by officers to prevention of desertion.
- (2) The deterrent effect due to the high percentage of deliveries from desertion.
- (3) Institution of selective recruiting, made possible by a decreasing turnover.
- (4) More stability of personnel on station made possible by a smaller turnover.
- (5) Better training of newly enlisted men ("recruit division").

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TUITION FOR SON OF DECEASED NAVAL OFFICER:

The Society of Sponsors of the U. S. Navy, Mrs. Russell Creamer Langdon, 707 University Parkway, Baltimore, Md., President, is prepared to pay the tuition at the Columbia Preparatory School (Schadmann's), 1444 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. for a boy, son of a deceased Naval officer.

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MOTION PICTURES.

The Bureau has purchased the following named feature motion pictures and will distribute them to the service as soon as received from the producers:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
Locked Doors	Betty Compson
Tomorrow's Love	Agnes Ayres
East of Suez	Pola Negri
A Man Must Live	Richard Dix
The Golden Bed	Rod LaRocque
Miss Bluebeard	Bebe Daniels
Red Rock	Thomas Meighan
The Devil's Cargo	Pauline Starke
Forty Winks	Viola Dana
Top of the World	Kirkwood-Nilsson
The Swan	Menjou-Cortez

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<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR</u>
Contraband	Wilson-Hatton
Salome of the Tenements	Goudal-G, Tearle
The Thundering Hurd	Holt-Wilson
The Torrent	Wm. Fairbanks
Narrow Street	M. Moore
In Love with Love	M. De la Motte
Laughing at Danger	R. Talmadge
Capital Punishment	Geo. Hackathorne
Ridin' Pretty	Wm. Desmond
Western Wallop	Jack Hoxie
Silk Stocking Sal	Evelyn Brent
Lighthouse by the Sea	Rin Tin Tin
Lost Chord	Alice Lake
Bad Company	Tearle-Kennedy
Excuse Me	Nagel-Shearer
Greed	Gibson Gowland
Wife of the Centaur	John Gilbert
Cafe in Cairo	Priscilla Dean
The Mirage	Florence Vidor
The Lady	Norma Talmadge
Her Husband's Secret	Fatsy Ruth Miller
The Lost Lady	Irene Rich
Fifth Avenue Models	Mary Philbin
Capital Punishment	Hackathorne-Bow
The Deadwood Coach	Tom Mix
Dick Turpin	Tom Mix

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